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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR NATIONAL NUCLEAR
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS
OFFICIAL JOSEPH JOHN KROL - OCTOBER 30-31, 2007

REF: STATE 143454

11. Country clearance is granted for the Octobe 30-31, 2007
visit to the Netherlands for NNSA official Joseph John Krol.
The purpose of the travel is for a layover in route to
Moscow, Russia.

12. Embassy understands that no assistance is necessary.

POST ACCESS:

13. Visitors who need unescorted access into secure areas of
the Mission must provide proof of a clearance. If level of
clearance was not provided in the original country clearance
request it should be done by separate cable. The cable
should include SSN, and the name of the agency granting the
security clearance. Cables must include the ASEC tag to
ensure distribution to the RSO office.

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS USE:

14. Inter-agency security standards prohibit the introduction
or use of non-USG owned computer hardware and software at all
USG diplomatic facilities. Cell phones, palm pilots, radios
and other convenience electronics are prohibited in all
secure areas of the Mission.

15. Travelers who anticipate having special needs in terms of
either access or computer usage should contact the RSO office
before arriving at post.

Security ADVISORY:

16. The Government of the Netherlands (GoN) assesses the
threat level of a terrorist incident for The Netherlands as
&limited." This is the second lowest of four threat levels
and is defined as the chance of an attack is relatively
slight, but can't be ruled out. GoN has implemented
Counter-Terrorism and heightened security measures in
response.

17. US citizens in The Netherlands are encouraged to monitor
media reports, to maintain a high level of vigilance and to
take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness.
American citizens should bear in mind that even
demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn
confrontational and possibly escalate into violence.
American citizens are urged to avoid areas of demonstrations
if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity
of any demonstrations.

18. The U.S. Government remains deeply concerned about the

heightened possibility of terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens and interests abroad. As noted in the Department of State,s Worldwide Caution of October 11, 2006, terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets. Such targets may include facilities where U.S. citizens and other foreigners congregate or visit, including residential areas, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, hotels and public areas. Terrorist actions may include, but are not limited to, suicide operations, assassination, hijackings, bombings or kidnappings. These may involve aviation and other transportation and maritime interests.

¶9. An area of concern for visitors to The Netherlands is crime. Most crimes against officials Americans are limited to pick-pocketing and purse and luggage theft. Theft from automobiles and hotel rooms are also on the rise. Theft of laptop computers has increased, especially at Schiphol Airport and major train stations. The thieves operate in small groups that target travelers. They are determined and well-practiced at distraction theft. Official travelers have been victimized, losing personal or unclassified government computers, software and data. Travelers are reminded that regulations require the use of the diplomatic pouch for shipment of classified equipment and information.

¶10. Streets can be walked in relative safety but, as in any U.S. urban area, caution and vigilance should be exercised especially after dark in the more populated cities of The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Red-light districts and public transportation hubs are common locations for incidents of street crimes.

The State Department,s Country Background Notes on the Netherlands are available on the internet:

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<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3204.htm>.
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